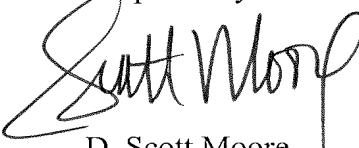


## REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the thorough examination of the present application as evidenced by the Final Office Action mailed January 14, 2010 (hereinafter "Final Action"). Applicants especially appreciate the allowance of Claims 20 – 23 and the indication that dependent Claim 4 recites patentable subject matter. In response, to advance prosecution and to facilitate an early allowance of the present application, Applicants have amended independent Claim 1 to incorporate the recitations of allowable Claim 4 and have canceled Claim 4 without prejudice or disclaimer. In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the above-entitled application is now in condition for allowance. Entry of this amendment and favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (919) 854-1400.

Respectfully submitted,



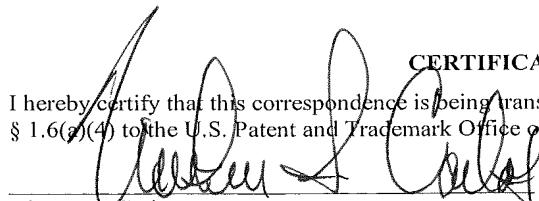
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